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SUBJ: MOSVOLD CO. (ETHIOPIA) LTD.

REFS: A. STATE 018241; B. 76 STATE 282973
C. 76 ADDIS 12168; D. 75 ADDIS 5949 (NOTAL)

1. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR CALLED ON ATO WOLLE CHEKOL,
CHIEF OF ECONOMICS DEPT., MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF MOSVOLD CASE.
ATO WOLLE SAID HE HAD CONSULTED WITH MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE AND TOURISM CONCERNING CHARGES MADE AGAINST
MOSVOLD BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN LEGAL BASIS
FOR CHARGES NOR LEGAL RECOURSE AVAILABLE TO MOSVOLD
TO APPEAL THESE CHARGES. HE SAID MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
OFFICIALS SEEMED TO BELIEVE THE TRANSGRESSIONS OF
MOSVOLD COMPANY WERE "SELF-EVIDENT" AND THAT TO PURSUE
MATTER FURTHER COULD "DAMAGE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS."
ECON/COMM COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT LEGALITY OF
PROCEDURES USED BY EPMG IN HANDLING MOSVOLD CASE
WERE CRUCIAL IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT MOSVOLD
WAS BEING TREATED IN A DISCRIMINATORY FASHION BY
THE EPMG. SUCH DISCRIMINATION, IF IT EXISTED, WOULD
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BE CONTRARY TO USG /ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TREATY OF
AMITY AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND COULD HAVE SERIOUS
REPERCUSSIONS. CONSEQUENTLY , IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT
FOR THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE USG WITH
THE LEGAL FOUNDATION FOR THE EPMG ACTIONS AGAINST
MOSVOLD AS WELL AS ANY RECOURSE PROVIDED FOR UNDER
ETHIOPIAN LAW. ATO WOLLE INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS

POINT AND WOULD PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.

2. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO REACH
DR. ASHAGRE YIGLETU, PERMANENT SECRETARY AND ACTING
MINISTER IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM, TO
ASCERTAIN WHEN DR. ASHAGRE WOULD PROVIDE LETTER HE
PREVIOUSLY PROMISED CONCERNING MOSVOLD CASE (REF C).
DR. ASHAGRE HAS NOT RESPONDED TO REPEATED TELEPHONE CALLS
OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 4, REF A, EMBASSY DETECTS
NO INDICATION WITH EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE HAS IN ANY
WAY AFFECTED MOSVOLD CASE.

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